(c) whether the officials of the Ministry of External Affairs are also involved in granting forged visas;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action Government have taken in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) No, Sir. It was an isolated case in which a private individual attempted to obtain visa to visit Spain on the basis of an allegedly forged recommendatory letter purported to have been signed by an official working in the Ministry of External Affairs.

(e) The steps taken by Delhi Police against emergence of organized rackets for obtaining visas illegally include collection of intelligence and keeping watch on the activities of persons previously involved or suspected to be involved in such activities.

Clearance of pending proposals for setting up power projects in N.E. States

* 257. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up power projects received from North Eastern States pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of each proposal; and

(c) by when Government propose to give clearance to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) The following power projects have been handed over by the North-Eastern States for execution in the Central Sector by North East Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) and by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC):

NEEPCO

1. Tuirial Hydro-electric Project (2x30 MW), Mizoram
2. Kopili Hydro-electric Project Stage-ll (1x25 MW), Assam.
3. Kameng Hydro-electric Project (4x150 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.
4. Tuivai Hydro-electric Project (3x70 MW), Mizoram.
5. "Pipaimukh Hydro-electric Project (1500 MW), Manipur.
6. Ranganadi Hydro-electric Project St. II (3x60 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.
7. Lower Kopili Hydro-electric Project (3x50 MW), Assam.
8. Tripura Gas Based Combined Cycle Power Project (500 MW), Tripura

NHPC

1. Loktak Downstream Hydro-electric Project (3x30 MW), Manipur.
2. Lower Subansiri Hydro-electric Project (2000 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.
3. Middle Subansiri Hydro-electric Project (2000 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.
4. Upper Subansiri Hydro-electric Project (2500 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.
5. Lower Siang Hydro-electric Project (1700 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.
6. Middle Siang Hydro-electric Project (700 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.
7. Upper Siang Hydro-electric Project (11000 MW), Arunachal Pradesh.

The present status regarding clearances for these projects is given in the Statement. (See below).

(c) Implementation of hydro-electric projects in the Central Sector is generally being done under a three-stage clearance procedure under which investment approval is accorded in stages for (i) survey and investigation and preparation of prefeasibility/feasibility report (Stage-I); (ii) detailed investigation, preparation of Detailed Project Report and pre-construction

activity including land acquisition (Stage-II); and (iii) execution of the main project works (Stage-III). Implementation of these projects will depend on a number of factors which include tying up of all statutory clearances, funding aspects, arrangements for transmission evacuation of power from the project and commercial agreements regarding sale of power.

Statement

Present status of power projects handed over by the North-Eastern States for Implementation in the Central Sector

S. No.	Named of Project	Installed Capacity (MW)	State	inpBmen-ting Agency	Status of clearance
	LTuirial HEP	60	Mizoram	NEEPCO -	All clearances accorded and project sanctioned. Works under execution. Commissioning target: July 2006.
	2.Kopili HEP Stage-ll	25	Assam	NEEPCO -	All clearances accorded and project sanctioned. Works under execution.
	3.KamengHEP	600	Arunachal Pradesh	NEEPCO -	Commissioning target: July 2003. Techno-economic clearance. (TEC) accorded Environmental clearance accorded. 2nd Stage Forest clearance accorded. Investment approval for Stage-ll (detailed investigations and preoonstruction activities) accorded.
	4.Tuivai HEP	210	Mizoram	NEEPCO -	All statutory clearances accorded.

S. No.	Name of Project	Installed Capacity (MW)	State	Implementing Agency	Status of clearance
					Investment approval for Stage-II (preconstruction activities) will be taken up after the cost estimates have been updated by the project authority and vetted by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).
5.	Tipaimukh	1500	Manipur	NEEPCO	1st stage Environment clearance obtained. Investment approval for Stage-ll (pre-construction activities) will be taken up after the issue of excluding the costs of providing security, diversion of National Highways and flood control components from the power project cost is settled and MOUs with the State Governments of Manipur and Mizbram have been signed.
6.	Ranganad HEP Stage-II	180	Arunachal Pradesh	NEEPCO	CEA is examining commercial viability. Site clearance accorded by Ministry of Environment & Forest (MOE&F) for taking up detailed investigations and pre-construction activities. - Investment approval for taking up Stage-II activities (detailed investigation and pre-construction activities) will be taken up after CEA has confirmed the commercial viability.

S. No.	Name of Project	Installed Capacity (MW)	State	Implementing Agency		Status of clearance
7.	Lower Kopi HEP	150	Assam	NEEPCO	-	Project authorities to provide further inputs to CEA for Techno Economic Clearance.
					"	Yet to be referred for Environment and Forest clearance.
						MOU.with the State Govt, yet to be signed.
8.	Tripura Gas CCPP	500	Tripura	NEEPCO	-Based	All statutory clearances accorded.
						Investment approval for the project is under process and the project proposal has been circulated to the appraising agencies.
9.	Loktak HEP	90	Manipur	NHPC	Downstream	Project was sanctioned on 30.12.99
						Work held up due to law and order problems at site.
						Project cost has been updated and Govt, of Manipur requested to confirm their willingness to purchase power at the revised tariff.
10.	LowerSubansiri	2000	Arunachal Pradesh	NHPC		Techno economic clearance to be accorded.
						Investment approval for Stage-II (detailed investigation and pre-construction activities) accorded.
11.	MiddteSubansiri	2000	Arunachal Pradesh	NHPC		Stage-I Environment clearance accorded.

S. No.	Name of Project	Installed Capacity (MW)	State	Implementing Agency	Status of clearance
					Stage-I activities (preliminary Survey and Investigation activities) are in progress for firming up the feasibility report. Funds sanctioned for the purpose.
12	Upper	2500	Arunachal Pradesh	NHPC	- Stage-I Environment clearance accorded. Stage-I activities (preliminary Survey and Investigation) are in progress for firming up the feasibility report. Funds sanctioned for the purpose.
13	Lower Siang	1700	Arunachal Pradesh	NHPC	Feasibility Report being finalized by project authority. Stage-I activities (preliminary Survey and Investigation) are in progress.
14.	Middle Siang	700	Arunachal Pradesh	NHPC	Stage-I site clearance accorded by MOE&F Investment approval accorded for Stage-I activities (preliminary survey and investigation)
15.	Upper Siang	11000	Arunachal Pradesh	NHPC	Stage-I site clearance accorded by MOE&F Investment approval accorded for Stage-I activities (preliminary survey and investigation)

New scheme developed by MCD

* 258. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Municipal Corporation of Delhi has developed a "decentralized water and sewage treatment system" to solve the twin problems of water shortage and drainage system; and